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MINUTES

SIXTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

Mulberry Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

Rehoboth Church, Bibb County, Alabama,

September 28th and 29th, 1892.

OFFICERS.

J. M. LANGSTON, Moderator.....Six Mile, Ala.
R. M. HONEYCUTT, Clerk.....Jemison, Ala.

*The next session will be held with Providence Church, Chilton
County, Ala., on Saturday before the fourth
Sunday in September, 1893.*

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Devotional exercises.
2. Organization.
3. Invite visiting members to seats.
4. Invite correspondence.
5. Appoint special committees.
6. Miscellaneous business.
7. Call for report of standing committees.
8. Appoint standing committees.
9. Appoint time and place, etc., for next meeting.
10. Miscellaneous business.

NAMES AND POST OFFICES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

J. M. Langston.....	Six Mile, Ala.
R. M. Houserout.....	Jemison, Ala.
J. M. Gotbard.....	Jemison, Ala.
N. Champion.....	Clear Creek, Ala.
A. A. Scales.....	Montevallo, Ala.
D. Fos y.....	Randolph, Ala.
B. Pounds.....	Randolph, Ala.
A. Wood.....	Clanton, Ala.
G. Higgins.....	Strassburg, Ala.
D. Martin.....	Jemison, Ala.

LICENSED MINISTERS.

J. J. Lowery.....	Clear Creek, Ala.
A. Glascock.....	Randolph, Ala.
Sutton Smitherman.....	Randolph, Ala.
Geo. W. Freeman.....	Randolph, Ala.
A. L. Foshoe.....	Strassburg, Ala.
J. Hewitt.....	Strassburg, Ala.

MINUTES.

The sixty-fifth annual session of the Mulberry Baptist Association was held with Rehoboth Baptist church, Bibb county, Ala., on September 28th and 29th, 1892.

The introductory sermon was preached by William A. Wood, from Rom. 3:22, 23, after which a recess was taken for dinner.

At 2 p. m. the delegates assembled in the church house, and after devotional exercises, was called to order by the former Moderator, who appointed brethren Z. J. Jones and L. B. Pounds as reading committee. The names of the churches was then called, the letters read, and the names of the delegates enrolled as follows:

Shady Grove—Zack Belcher, *J. G. Payne, *Davis Wallace, *Joseph Helton, James Smitherman.

Rehoboth—L. B. Pounds, A. W. Gentry, J. J. Hicks, J. T. Collins, David Smitherman.

Mars Hill—*G. W. Marler, T. P. Scott, J. P. Gentry, *R. J. Langston.

Collins Chapel—B. N. Martin, *W. A. Mims, *W. D. Martin.

Antioch—J. M. Langston, Sutton Smitherman, J. W. Freeman, *W. N. Lawrence, *W. H. Thomas, M. D. Langston, *M. F. Merchant, J. D. Freeman.

New Salem—*G. W. Sorrell, *Thomas Childress, *J. W. Maddox, John Hewitt, W. B. Crosby.

Mineral Springs—*I. N. Martin, W. L. Honeycutt, J. A. Rodgers, *D. P. Martin.

Providence—*J. E. Champion, *D. A. Seale, R. M. Honeycutt, *J. J. Lowery, *W. H. Shaw, W. E. Howditch, *W. H. Martin.

Macedonia—W. Y. Nix, *J. P. Nix, *Alexander Glasscock, *W. W. Crumpton.

Liberty Hill—W. A. Wood, J. N. Williams, Noah Littlejohn.

Pleasant Grove—*John Gothard, A. J. Lee, *Martin Franklin, Z. J. Jones, *J. T. Thomas, *D. C. Hubbard, *J. M. Gothard.

The Association then proceeded to the election of officers, and on motion, J. M. Langston and R. M. Honeycutt, the former Moderator and Clerk, were re-elected by acclamation. Visiting brethren were then invited to seats with us.

Churches were then invited to unite with us. Enon church, Bibb county, presented a letter and delegates, which was received into our union. Names of the delegates present—F. M. Arnold and S. L. Johnson. Asked for correspondence.

On motion, it was agreed to have a sermon each day of this session at 11 a. m.

A committee was then appointed by the Moderator as a Devotional committee, consisting of W. Y. Nix, F. M. Arnold, and the deacons of Rehoboth church.

The following special committees were then announced: On Finance—W. Y. Nix, J. T. Smitherman and Z. J. Jones; on Documents—A. J. Lee, M. M. Langston, J. N. Williams; on Nominations—Sutton Smitherman, W. B. Crosby, S. L. Johnson.

The committee on Home Religion offered their report, which was read, and on motion to adopt, was discussed by L. B. Pounds.

On motion, further discussion was postponed until to-morrow morning.

The Devotional committee then made the following report, which was adopted: Prayer meeting to-morrow at 8:30 a. m., conducted by Sutton Smitherman; preaching at 11 by R. M. Honeycutt.

Homes for the delegates during the session was then announced, and on motion, the Association adjourned until to-morrow at 9 a. m.

SECOND DAY.

The prayer meeting was conducted by Bro. Smitherman, who read the 113th Psalm. The service was enjoyed by many, and we believe resulted in good for the cause of Christ.

The Association commenced business at 9 by calling the roll and marking absentees.

Called for correspondence: Eld. W. J. Ruddick was received from the Unity Association.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we authorize and instruct any of our members when visiting other Associations to present themselves as corresponding messengers from us.

The report of the committee on Home Religion was again taken up and discussed by brethren Sutton Smitherman, William A. Wood and others. The report was then adopted.

REPORT ON HOME RELIGION.

We, your committee on Home Religion, offer the following report: Brethren, we feel that this subject is one above many other subjects. We feel that there is need of more home religion. We should so live that our neighbors could see the light of our religion. If we would have an influence abroad we must practice religion at home. How can we claim to be disciples of Christ and not live religious at home? The Master hath said, if we would be his disciples we must deny ourselves take up our cross and follow him. How can we pray and sing away from home when we neglect this at home? We should have more religion at home every day, and then our influence would be stronger abroad, and in our church and Sabbath-school.

Respectfully submitted,

ALEX GLASSCOCK, Chairman.

The report of the committee on Temperance and Prohibition was then read, and on motion to adopt, was discussed by Sutton Smitherman, and on motion the business was suspended for the 11 o'clock sermon, and the brother who was appointed proceeded to address the people, and was listened to attentively for a short time while he discussed Eph. 2:10, after which a recess was taken for dinner.

At 1 p. m. the body resumed business again, and the discussion

of the report on Temperance was continued by S. M. Adams, W. J. Ruddick and others, and then adopted as follows:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your committee on Temperance and Prohibition, offer the following report: Brethren, we realize that there is much involved in the subject of Temperance. We should be temperate in all things. We, as Christians, should be temperate in talking; we should be very careful how we speak. Brethren, we who use tobacco should be temperate in the use of it. We sometimes see the house of God almost disgraced with the use of tobacco. This is not temperate. We suppose, Bro. Moderator and brethren, that the main point to get at is strong drink. Brethren, we are sorry to report on this subject. We believe that blind tiger whisky is being sold all over this country. We have evidence of this fact, and we fear that members of the church who profess to be the disciples of Christ, are patronizing those things, and thereby destroying their influence as Christians. Brethren, for the cause of our Master and for the good of our country, this ought not to be. Let us, as Christians, remember that our Lord has said, "If any man will come after me let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow me." May the grace of the Lord Jesus in our hearts help us to overcome this evil and be temperate in all things.

Respectfully submitted,

SUTTON SMITHERMAN, Chairman.

The following resolutions as an amendment to the report on temperance, were adopted:

Resolved, That we as Baptists will not drink intoxicating drinks as a beverage.

2nd. That we will not vote for any man for office, State or County, office of honor or profit, who is accustomed to getting drunk.

The committee on State and Home Missions were called on for their report, which was submitted and adopted, after discussion by L. B. Pounds and others:

REPORT ON STATE AND HOME MISSIONS.

In taking consideration of the importance of State Mission work, in view of the rapid increase of population, the springing up of many new towns, where vice and idolatry runs riot, together with many yet unsupplied sections, where the glorious message of eternal life is not fully made known, we may say that with consideration before us, that we can but urge the brethren of the Mulberry Association to awake to a realization of the duty that rests upon them of coming up to the help of those who are straining every nerve to spread the message of truth among those even of our own beloved State who have it not.

Brethren, we need but to know the condition of those destitute places to see the great importance of contributing to the means of sending our best preachers into those strongholds of satan, to battle against the powers of sin and darkness. And while we are the recipients of the gospel in our own vicinities can we withhold the helping hand from those who are yet more needy.

We must sustain those who are willing to face the opposition for the sake of our blessed Master and the salvation of the souls of our fellow men.

Those dear brethren must be sustained by those that are without, as they do not, as yet, know or appreciate the message of our Lord's gospel.

Brethren, the promise of the Lord is that, if we give that it shall be returned to us abundantly increased, good measure, pressed down, heaped up and running over. Then let us consecrate ourselves, our means and our all that we have to the Master's cause.

L. B. POUNDS, Ch'n,

The committee on Foreign Missions made their report, as follows, which was adopted:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee on Foreign Missions submit the following:

Dear brethren: From the best information that we can get, the cause of Christ is making wonderful progress in foreign lands. Ten years ago there were only 740 converts to the Baptist faith, no church; now we have 73 churches with a membership of 141,513; is not that wonderful?

Dear brethren, why not push this grand work forward seeing the Lord is blessing our efforts? Let us, therefore, work more earnestly when we know that those poor creatures who worship idols can never get to heaven; let us therefore, strive the more earnestly to teach them the way and plan of salvation. May God incline our hearts to do so, is the prayer of your committee.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. LEE, Chairman.

The report of the committee on Periodicals was read, and after discussion by S. M. Adams, J. M. Langston and others, was adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your Committee on Periodicals would offer the following:

We believe that one of the moving powers of the world to-day is in periodical literature, and that the opinions of people are often moulded and shaped by what they read. But first, last, and all the time, we would most earnestly recommend to the saints, an honest, careful and prayerful study of the Bible. We fear that the Bible is too often supplanted by periodicals, though good in their place. While the world may move with wonderful rapidity, yet the Bible is ever abreast with the times.

To those who wish to know what the Baptists of Alabama are doing, we recommend the ALABAMA BAPTIST. To those who wish to keep posted on Home and Foreign Missions, we recommend Our Home Field and Foreign Mission Journal.

To our Sunday schools we recommend The Southern Baptist Convention series of lesson helps. In conclusion we say, read all books and periodicals that hold up Jesus as the world's hope, and that will aid us in understanding the Bible.

Respectfully submitted,

Z. J. JONES.

Committee on Nominations made their report, as follows:

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

We recommend that the place of our next meeting be with Providence church, Chilton county, and time Saturday before the 4th Sunday in Sept., 1893. Elder J. M. Langston to preach the Introductory Sermon; L. B. Pounds, alternate. We recommend Wm. D. Wood as delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, J. M. Langston, alternate.

S. SMITHERMAN, Ch'n.

Report adopted.

The report of the Committee on Finance, as follows:

Received for minutes.....	\$ 27 05
for missions.....	2 00
Total.....	\$29 05

W. Y. NIX, Chairman.

Report adopted.

On motion the clerk was ordered to have 600 copies of these minutes printed and that he receive ten dollars for his services.

The report of the committee on Sabbath-Schools was then read and adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Sabbath school is a place where every member of the church can find a place to accomplish some good work for the cause of Christ. It is a place where the old can meet and study God's Word, and also impart the knowledge thus gained to the young.

The mission of the Sabbath-school is to assist God's people in gaining knowledge. To scatter Bible truths abroad over the land. To disseminate religious literature, and finally to save souls for Christ.

We are proud to note the fact that more interest is being manifested in this good work for the last few years than was formerly the case. It shows that the people are being more fully aroused to their duty than they were before. The Sabbath-school workers are laboring with more zeal and earnestness. The scholars and attendants have become more enthused with the spirit of Christ.

We have in our Association a Sabbath School Convention which meets regularly, where the Sabbath-school workers meet together and discuss the work of the Sabbath-School and devise plans by which they can more successfully perform this work for the Master. It is a great pleasure to attend the meetings of this convention, for there we learn what a grand work is being done for the Lord through this agency.

Much good may be accomplished and many good results will follow where the people will take hold of this work with the zeal and earnestness that they should.

To attend and assist in this work is a duty every member of the church should feel impressed with. For by this part of Christ's work as much as any other may sinners be brought to see the light and influence of the Christian people, and by this means they may also be brought to see and feel that Christ is their Saviour, and learn what He would have them do to inherit eternal life.

In conclusion we would say to those engaged in this work we bid you God speed, and to those who are not engaged with us, come and join us, we assure you God will bless you, and you will feel better by having done His will.

May kind Providence send his choicest blessings on all who are engaged in the Sabbath-school work.

Respectfully submitted,

D. C. HUBBARD, Ch'n.

The committee's report on Ministerial Education was then received, and adopted:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your committee on Ministerial Education submit the following:

We think no better investment could be made than to give this cause our most hearty support. If the heathen are to be saved at all, they are to be saved by the preached gospel, and as long as there is anxious young men that are unprepared we think it to be our duty to help. We are made to believe when we think of this fast age, that they will be unprepared to do much good, unless they are educated. To preach means to teach, and how can a man teach that he don't know. We feel truly thankful to God for what has already been accomplished by the Board of Ministerial Education. We recommend the hearty co-operation of this Association with the Board of Ministerial Education.

W. H. THOMAS, Ch'n.

The Moderator then announced the following

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Home Religion—J. T. Collins, M. F. Lawley, A. W. Gentry.
Temperance and Prohibition—R. S. Jones, David Johnson, John E. Jones.

State, Home and Foreign Missions—M. D. Langston, Sutton Smitherman, J. C. Hicks

Periodicals—A. L. Foshee, W. H. Conway, W. H. Shaw.

Sabbath-schools—A. Glasscock, J. Bice, J. P. Gentry.

Ministerial Education—Z. J. Jones, W. Y. Nix.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be tendered to Rehoboth church and friends for their kindness to us during the time we have been with them.

M. D. LANGSTON.

The Association having finished the business of its session, adjourned to meet with Providence church, five miles north of Jemison, Chilton county, Ala., on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in September, 1893.

J. M. LANGSTON, MODERATOR,

R. M. HONEYCUTT, Clerk,

Six Mile, Ala.

Jemison, Ala.

DISTRICT MEETINGS.

The next meeting of the first district of this Association will be held with Mars Hill Church on Friday before the first Sunday in August, 1893. The introductory sermon by Sutton Smitherman, J. M. Langston, alternate.

Subjects.—1st. Is it the duty of all the members of the church to pay their part in the support of their church? Opened by J. J. Hicks.

2nd. Should a church call a pastor for an indefinite time or not? Opened by J. M. Gothard and W. Y. Nix.

3rd. Is it the duty of all Christians to exercise in public? Opened by J. C. Hicks and A. Glasscock.

4th. What constitutes a call to the ministry? Opened by L. B. Pounds and S. D. Posey.

The next meeting of the second district will be held with Mineral Spring church, commencing on Friday before the 4th Sunday in July, 1893. David A. Seals to preach the introductory sermon, A. L. Foshee, alternate.

Subjects.—1st. The Apostles prayed, "Lord increase our faith." Does the individual Christian aid by his efforts in bringing about this increase of faith? And, if so, what may he do to promote the increase of faith? Opened by W. B. Crosby and Jonathan Bice.

2nd. Is it the privilege and duty of Christians to live up to the teachings of the Sermon on the Mount? Opened by W. D. Martin and J. W. Maddox, Jr.

3rd. Is water baptism essential to the salvation of the believer in Christ? Opened by W. H. Conway.

4th. Is it right for a church to have a preacher ordained to the work of the gospel ministry who cannot read the Scripture intelligibly; if not, what should be done for him? Opened by W. N. Johns and W. H. Shaw.

STATISTICS OF MULBERRY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION—1892.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	CLERK'S P. O.	Membership Last Reported.	Increase by					Present Mem- bership.	S. S. Officers and Teachers.	S. S. Pupils.	Preaching Sabbath.
						Baptism.	Letter.	Restoration	Letter.	Exclusion.	Deaths.			
Antioch.....	Bibb.....	S. M. Adams.....	Z. J. Corley ..	Randolph ..	189	16	6	...	4	...	3	205	13	115 4
Center Hill.....	Not represented.													
Collins Chapel.....	Chilton	W. A. Wood.....	Samuel Pate.....	Jemison ..	78	...	3	...	1	...	81	6	30	...
Liberty Hill.....	Chilton	L. B. Pounds ..	Felix Eiland ..	Strassburg.	42	5	2	...	1	...	3	45	...	2
Macedonia.....	Chilton	J. M. Langston ..	S. E. Waldrop....	Randolph.....	95	1	...	...	1	1	94	7	50	2
Mars Hill.....	Chilton	W. A. Wood.....	G. W. Gothard....	Jemison.....	82	...	2	1	...	3	82	...	35	1
Mineral Springs.....	Chilton	R. M. Honeycutt...	D. P. Martin.....	Jemison ..	76	...	4	...	2	2	71	8	40	2
New Salem.....	Chilton	J. E. Champion ..	G. W. Hill.....	Strassburg.	105	1	2	1	...	2	...	...	...	3
Pleasant Grove.....	Chilton	R. M. Honeycutt...	Z. J. Jones.....	Randolph.....	95	2	1	...	3	...	95	6	26	4
Pleasant Hill.....	Not represented.													
Providence.....	Chilton	R. M. Honeycutt...	W. H. Shaw.....	Duke's Switch.....	140	6	1	...	3	...	1	142	...	3
Rehoboth.....	Bibb.....	S. M. Adams.....	M. F. Lawley ..	Randolph.....	104	...	2	...	2	...	3	99	...	1
Shady Grove.....	Bibb.....	I. L. Hicks.....	M. J. Payne.....	Randolph.....	90	11	6	...	3	...	104	...	3	3
Waxahatchee.....	Not represented.													
Enon.....	Bibb.....	I. W. Mitchell....	F. M. Arnold ..	Six Mile.....	...	...	...	...	3	...	68	...	...	...
Total.....					1096	42	29	2	22	9	12	1086	40	326

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF MULBERRY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION—1892

CHURCHES.	Missions.	Ministerial Education.	For the Poor.	Home Church Expenses.	Sunday-School Expenses.	Pastor's Salary.	Minutes.	Value of Building and Furniture.
Antioch	\$	\$ 3 16	\$16 85	\$	\$	\$128 50	\$ 5 00	\$
Collins Chapel	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	.....
Liberty Hill .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	.....
Macedonia .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 00	54 00	2 00	.....
Mars Hill .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....
Mineral Springs .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	.....
New Salem .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	1,200 00
Pleasant Grove .....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	3 35	.....	2 05	.....
Providence .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 50	.....
Rehoboth .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	59 85	3 00	300 00
Shady Grove	1 00	118 15	6 00	50 00	1 50
Enon	1 50
Total	\$2 00	\$13 16	\$16 85	\$118 15	\$15 35	\$292 35	\$26 05	\$1,500 00

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